

In the Claims:

1-22: (Canceled).

23. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

operatively coupling said remote client to a security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting an access token from said security system server to said remote client;

providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token; and

~~activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and~~

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client, said security gateway generating a signal, at said premises, for notifying an occupant of said premises that remote monitoring is occurring during transfers of information from said security gateway to said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

wherein said access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on a permission profile for said user; and

wherein said permission profile for said user is created by a general administrator of said security gateway.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said general administrator of said security system is capable of modifying said permission profile for said user.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said step of verifying said identification of said user comprises authenticating biometric data.

26-28: (Canceled).

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said access token allows access to specific features of said security gateway according to said permission profile for said user.

30. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said access token allows access to one or more designated cameras located at said premises.

31. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said access token allows access to one or more designated audio stations located at said premises.

32-52: (Canceled).

53. (Currently Amended) A method for remote monitoring of a residential premises, said method comprising:

operatively coupling a remote client to a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating a user of said remote client;

verifying the identification of said user of said remote client;

transmitting ~~an~~ a first access token from said security system server to said remote client;

~~providing said security gateway with information about said user and said access token;~~

transmitting a second access token from said security server to a security gateway;

~~operatively coupling said security gateway enabling operative coupling of~~ said remote client to a said security gateway if said first token transmitted to said remote client matches said second access token transmitted to said security gateway, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring; and

transferring information between said security gateway and said remote client;

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

~~wherein said security gateway is operably coupled to at least one camera located at said premises;~~

~~wherein said security gateway is operably coupled to at least one audio station located at said premises;~~

wherein said first access token is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on a permission profile for said user; and

wherein said permission profile for said user is created by a general administrator of said security gateway.

54-57: (Canceled).

58. (Currently Amended) A security system for remote monitoring of a premises by a user of a remote client, said security system comprising:

a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating said user of said remote client, and, upon authentication of said user of said remote client, providing said remote client with information necessary for said remote client to directly access a security gateway for said premises via a network;

said security gateway operatively coupled to said security system server via said network, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

~~one or more cameras located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway; and~~

~~one or more audio stations located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway;~~

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

~~wherein said security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring;~~

wherein said remote client cannot directly access said security gateway without said information provided, to said remote client, by said security system server; and

wherein said information that said security system server provides said remote client ~~with an~~ includes a first access token and wherein said security system server provides said security gateway with a second access token, said security system server adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on a permission profile associated with said user upon determining that said first access token provided to said remote client matches said second access token provided to said security gateway.

59. (Currently Amended) A security system for remote monitoring of a premises by a user of a remote client, said security system comprising:

a security system server, said security system server being capable of authenticating said user of said remote client; and

a security gateway operatively coupled to said security system server via a network, said security gateway being capable of managing the monitoring of one or more portions of said premises;

~~one or more cameras located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway; and~~

~~one or more audio stations located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway;~~

wherein said user is at a location which is geographically remote from said premises;

~~wherein said security gateway provides an audiovisual signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring;~~

wherein said security system provides for streaming data in substantially real-time from said security gateway to said remote client; and

~~wherein said security system provides for substantially real time synchronized audio and video communication between said remote client and said security gateway;~~
~~and~~

~~wherein said security system server provides said remote client with an access token adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on a permission profile associated with said user.~~

wherein said security gateway generates a signal, at said premises, for notifying an occupant of said premises that remote monitoring is occurring whenever said security gateway is streaming data, in substantially real time, to said remote client.

60. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein said security gateway is operably coupled to at least one camera located at said premises.
61. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein said security gateway is operably coupled to at least one camera and at least one audio station located at said premises.
62. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein activating a signal at said premises for notifying an occupant at said premises that remote monitoring is occurring further comprises said security gateway generating said signal during transfers of information from said security gateway to said remote client.

63. (New) The system of claim 59, and further comprising:
- one or more cameras located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway; and
- one or more audio stations located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway.
64. (New) The system of claim 59, wherein said security system provides for substantially real-time synchronized audio and video communication between said remote client and said security gateway and wherein said security gateway generates said signal whenever said security gateway is streaming real-time synchronized audio and video data to said remote client.
65. (New) The system of claim 64, wherein said security system server provides said remote client with a first access token and provides said security gateway with a second access token, said security gateway streams allowing said substantially real-time synchronized audio and video communication between said remote client and security gateway if said first access token provided to said remote client matches said second access token provided to said security gateway.
66. (New) The system of claim 65, wherein said first access token provided to said remote client by said security system server is adapted to allow said remote client to access said security gateway based on a permission profile associated with said user.

67. (New) The system of claim 66, and further comprising:

one or more cameras located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway; and

one or more audio stations located at said premises and operatively coupled to said security gateway.